



PATENT APPLICATION

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of

Docket No: Q56893

Kazuomi KOBAYASHI, et al.

Appln. No.: 09/443,460

Group Art Unit: 1733

Confirmation No.: 7280

Examiner: Justin R. FISCHER

Filed: November 19, 1999

For: PNEUMATIC TIRES

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EXCESS CLAIM FEE PAYMENT LETTER

Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

An Amendment Under 37 C.F.R. § 1.116 is attached hereto for concurrent filing in the above-identified application. The resulting excess claim fee has been calculated as shown below:

|              | After<br>Amendment | Highest No. Previously Paid<br>For |                       |
|--------------|--------------------|------------------------------------|-----------------------|
| All Claims   | 25                 | - 20 =                             | 5 X \$18.00 = \$90.00 |
| Independent  | 4                  | - 3 =                              | 1 X \$84.00 = \$84.00 |
| <b>TOTAL</b> |                    |                                    | <b>= \$174.00</b>     |

A check for the statutory fee of \$174.00 is attached. The USPTO is directed and authorized to charge all required fees, except for the Issue Fee and the Publication Fee, to Deposit Account No. 19-4880. Please also credit any overpayments to said Deposit Account. A duplicate copy of this letter is enclosed.

Respectfully submitted,

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Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated January 16, 2003, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

D 1. (Previously Amended) A run-flat pneumatic tire comprising:

a radial carcass extending between a pair of bead cores embedded in the respective bead portions to reinforce a pair of sidewall portions,

a tread portion comprised of one or more rubberized cord plies,

a belt arranged on an outer peripheral surface of the carcass to reinforce the tread portion,

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